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Memo No ~~67080~~ A/52-1 Dt 21-11-52

Sub:- Elecy- Mangalore Electric licencee- collection of ~~Elecy~~ Duty ~~by Govt~~ - ~~Exempted~~ - Exemption from levy.

Ref:- From The Kanara chamber of commerce ~~Ernd~~ Mangalore Memorandum of 21.9.52.

..... An extract from the refee. cited on the above subject is forwarded to the C.E.I.G. for early remarks thro' the C.E.(E).

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The C.E.I.Gr

(with extract of portion "x" ~~Copy to the E.E. of~~ with ~~and~~ ~~Copy to P. Secy.~~ Despatched with memo and for orders further action).

And also extract of Memo at A' on p 3 of this a separate sheet to be given to P. Secy.

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Sub:- South Kanara District- Development- Representation of Kanara Chamber of Commerce.

Ref:- From the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore Memorandum dated 21-9-1952.

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(vii) Speedy settlement of agreement for supply of energy from Jog Project; and

(viii) Installation of addl.unit for augmenting supply of electricity and reduction of rates for industrial purposes.

Item(i) above Strengthening of all weak culverts:

The South Kanara Dt.Bd. has also represented separately that there are in all 2480 weak culverts and 56 weak bridges in the district and that special attention may be paid to the work of strenghtening these culverts and bridges with the least possible delay by sanctioning sufficient grants. With reference to this the C.E. has reported that some of the weak culverts were repaired or widened in 194[illegible]9 under maintenace grants and that all such as are [illegible]sidered necessary have been contemplated in the Malnad Dev. Scheme. Asthe Malnad Scheme is no longer in force, this Department have separately proposed to ask the C.E. to see that all the weak culverts and bridges are strengthened out of maintenance grant. It is also proposed to ask him to draw a programme for this purpose so that works in question may be completed within a specified time. In view ~~no return is called for here~~ of this no action is called for here.

Items (ii) and (iii) Provision of improved surafce to Mangalore Bunwal Cross Road and Mangalore-Karkal Road. The C.E.(H) has recently reported in another connection that is proposed to provide black top surface for the reaches from M5/0 to 15/8 of

[illegible]l Cross Road and [illegible]3/4 to

Mangalore Karkal Road and that speps are being taken to complete the works by 31-3-1952. No action is therefore called for.

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Item (vi)-Formation of a Port Trust for Mangalore

In pursuance of the recommendations of the National Harbour Bd., it has been decided in circulation to constitute a Port Trust for the port of Mangalore on the lines of the Tuticorin Port Trust. A tentative draft bill has been prepared and it is under circulation. After approval, the bill will be finalised. It will in due course be published in the G.G.

Item (VII) – Supply of Jog power to South Kanara

The matter is under correspondence with the Govt. of Mysore & it is expected that the agreement will be concluded soon. No separate action seems called for in this file in this regard.

Item (VIII) on plant: Augmentation of generating capacity: The question of increasing the generating capacity of the Mangalore Diesel Station is at present under consideration of the Govt. [illegible] Mangalore-Bantwal [illegible] the Govt. Elec [illegible] Mangalore [illegible] orders.

diesel generating set and accessories in advance of the sanction of the scheme for the acquisition and improvement of the Mangalore electrical undertaking, and the set is expected to be received shortly. As a result of the discussion which the CE(E) had with Secy., the CE(E) has addressed the Mangalore licensee as to whether he would take the diesel set ordered by the Govt. on hire or whether he would purchase it from Govt. The CE(E) is further report on the subject is awaited. Secy. has pointed out that if the Mangalore licensee agrees to operate the diesel set referred to above on payment of reasonable hire charges to Govt., we need not contemplate the acquisition of the Mangalore undertaking at present. Further exam[n]. of the proposal will be taken up after the CE(E)'s report mentioned at K above is received.

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At 'X' on page 7 Cf, the chamber of Commerce has submitted that the increase in the cost of oil and the heavy duty levied by the Govt have pushed up the rates for supply of industrial power to make it uneconomic to the Industries and the Chamber has therefore requested that the Dt. of South Kanara may be exempted from the levy of this duty. Extract of the relevant portions will be forwarded to the C.E.S.G. for his remarks thereon to the C.E.(E). A draft memo is submitted for approval.

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The note on 361-3 ante may be destroyed. The memo has been initialed. No further action is called for in this file. The file may be put away.

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